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Patent Public Advisory Committee Quarterly Meeting

Midwest Regional Office

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Midwest Regional Office - By the Numbers



154 – Employees since opening in July 2012

367 – Patent Examiner Jobs brought to the region, through office and Nationwide Telework Program

>20 – Site Visits to the Midwest Regional Office by Stakeholders in 2015 so far

>120 – Outreach Events in 2015 throughout the Midwest Region

>500 – K-12 students in underserved communities are being reached through Midwest Regional Office STEM efforts

>10,000 – Stakeholders engaged with Midwest Regional Outreach in 2015



Midwest Regional Office Patent Examiners



The Midwest Regional Office celebrating their 3rd year of operations with ADC Bob Oberleitner.

Since opening, the Midwest Regional Office has had **7** Labs complete the Patent Training Academy

The Midwest Regional Office has an examiner retention rate of **82.6%**, with a total of **100** examiners

4 Examiners have transferred to the Midwest Regional Office (**2** Primary Examiners)

As of October 2015, the office has **2** on-site SPEs (AU 3667, AU 3686)

The Midwest Regional Office hosts several PETTP programs and tours for visiting SEE Trip participants

The Midwest Regional Office provides examiner access to training, benefits information, and work-life resources through organized events during the year.

Midwest Regional Office Patent Examiners



Director Michelle K. Lee visiting with Midwest Regional Office examiners in Detroit prior to the Patent Leadership Innovation Forum on April 17, 2015.

Patent Application Numbers for Midwest Regional Office

Active cases docketed:	11,061
Disposals:	13,533
Allowed:	8,721
Abandoned:	4,812



Midwest Outreach Highlights

- April 17 Patent Leadership Innovation Forum
- May 16 Saturday Seminar
- May 20 Legal Lecture Series Kickoff: §101 Post Alice
- May 29-June 1 Midwest Trademark Tour with Commissioner for Trademarks
- July 28 Office of Petitions Seminar
- August 7-10 Midwest Trademark Trials and Appeals Board Tour with TTAB Chief Judge
- September 1 Patent Hub Launch in Indianapolis, Indiana
- September 14 Biotech Customer Partnership Meeting
- October 17 Saturday Seminar



Midwest Outreach Highlights Cont'd

 November 10 – Trademark Lunch and Learn Kickoff

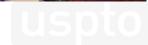
Stakeholder Listening Tours:

- 4/14-17 Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan
- 7/12-16 Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin
- 9/1-3 Indiana and Kentucky

Legal Lecture Series:

- 5/20 Detroit, Michigan
- 6/26 Chicago, Illinois
- 7/23 Kansas City, Missouri
- 8/28 Toledo, OH
- 9/1 Indianapolis, Indiana





Trademark Information to Midwest Region



First Trademark Lunch and Learn at a Regional Office

Virtual Trademark Assistance Center presence through the Midwest Regional Office

Numbers from the event:

15 RSVPs received day of event posting (max occupancy)

16 on waiting list for next Trademark event

102 views of event site



K-12 STEM Outreach

- The Midwest Regional office is working with local school districts and after-school programs to encourage innovation with K-12 education, particularly focusing on children and teens that currently and historically underrepresented in STEM and the innovation economy.
- Camp Invention (August 2015)
- Charles H. Wright Museum (October 2015)



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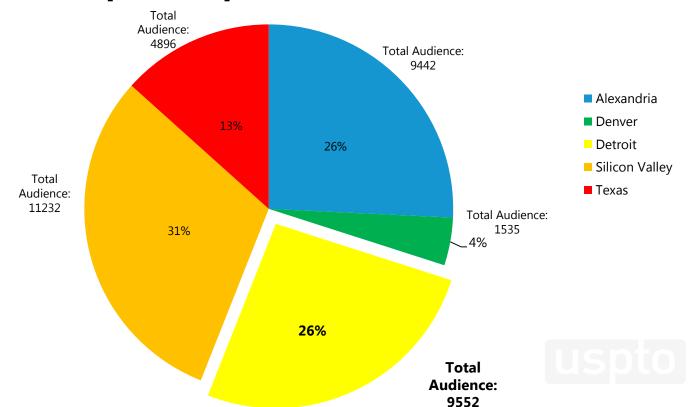






Reaching over 400 Underserved K-12 Students in the Detroit Metro Area

Outreach Metrics: Half Fiscal Year 2015 (April - September 2015)



Outreach Metrics for Midwest Regional Office compared to Office Opening through 2014

July 2012 – Dec. 2014

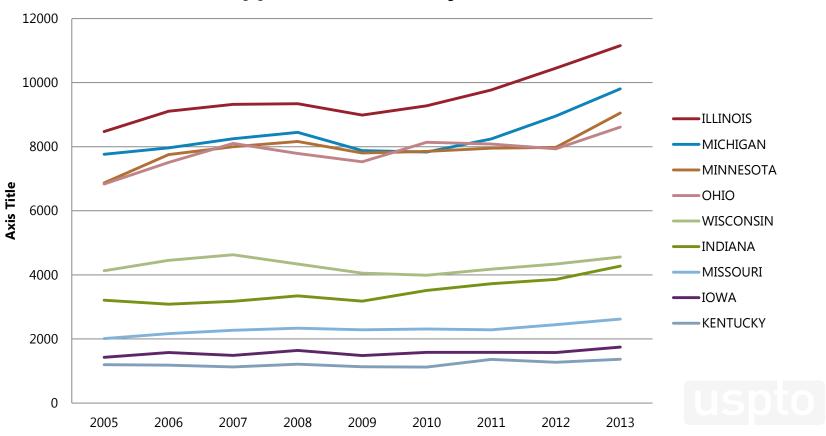
Est. 5,500StakeholdersReached

April – Sept. 2015

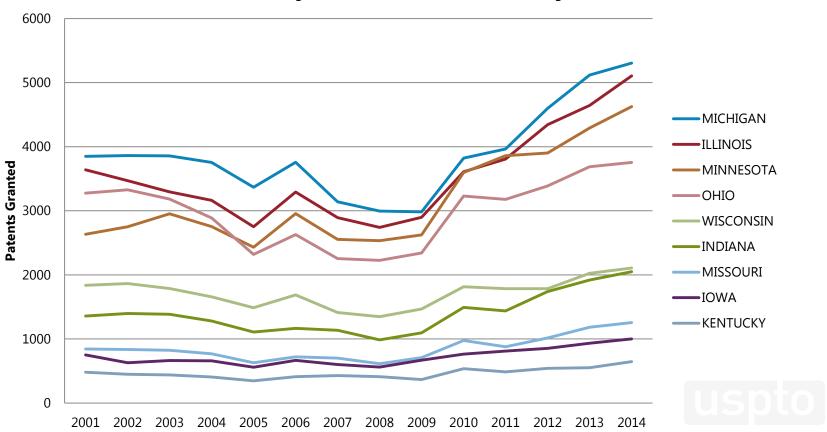
9,552StakeholdersReached



Patent Applications Filed by State and Year



Patent Counts By State and Year - Utility Patents



Questions and Comments

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